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RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Status of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in its resolution 44/25 of 20 November 1989, adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child and expressed the hope that it would come into force at an early date. The Convention was opened for signature in New York on 26 January 1990 and, in accordance with article 49 thereof, entered into force on 2 September 1990, on the thirtieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the twentieth instrument of ratification or accession.

2. The General Assembly, in its resolution 54/263 of 25 May 2000, adopted two optional protocols to the Convention on the Rights of the Child: the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the involvement of children in armed conflict and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. The two optional protocols to the Convention were opened for signature in New York on 5 June 2000. The Optional Protocol to the Convention on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, in accordance with article 14.1 thereof, will enter into force on 18 January 2002, three months after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession. The Optional Protocol on the involvement of children in armed conflict, in accordance with article 10.1 thereof, will enter into force on 12 February 2002, three months after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession.

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3. As at 20 November 2001, the Convention had received 140 signatures which were followed by ratification. In addition, 45 States had acceded to the Convention and six had succeeded to it, bringing the total of ratifications and accessions to the Convention to 191. A list of States that have ratified or acceded to the Convention, and the dates of their signature, ratification or accession, appears in annex I to the present report.

4. As at 20 November 2001, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the involvement of children in armed conflict had been signed by 89 States and ratified by 10 States. As at the same date, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography had been signed by 84 States and ratified by 12 States. A list of States that have signed or ratified the two optional protocols to the Convention, and the dates of their signature, or ratification appear in annexes II and III to the present report.

5. The Committee on the Rights of the Child held its twenty-sixth session from 8 to 26 January 2001 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. At that session the Committee considered reports submitted by nine States parties to the Convention. The Committee also adopted General Comment No. 1 on the aims of education (article 29.1 of the Convention). In addition, the Committee reviewed its cooperation with United Nations bodies and agencies and other competent bodies, including non-governmental organizations. The Committee adopted a report on its twenty-sixth session (CRC/C/103).

6. The Committee on the Rights of the Child held its twenty-seventh session from 21 May to 8 June 2001 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. During that session, the Committee considered reports submitted by eight States parties to the Convention. The Committee adopted the report on the session (CRC/C/108).

7. The Committee on the Rights of the Child held its twenty-eighth session from 24 September to 12 October 2001 at the United Nations Office at Geneva. At that session, the Committee considered the reports submitted by 10 States parties to the Convention. The Committee also held a day of discussion on "Violence against children in the family and in schools" on 28 September 2001 and adopted a set of recommendations. The Committee adopted the report on the session (CRC/C/111).

8. The twenty-ninth session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held from 14 January to 1 February 2002 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Annex I

STATES WHICH HAVE RATIFIED OR ACCEDED TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2001 (191)

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Afghanistan	27 September 1990	28 March 1994	27 April 1994
Albania	26 January 1990	27 February 1992	28 March 1992
Algeria	26 January 1990	16 April 1993	16 May 1993
Andorra	2 October 1995	2 January 1996	1 February 1996
Angola	14 February 1990	5 December 1990	4 January 1991
Antigua and Barbuda	12 March 1991	5 October 1993	4 November 1993
Argentina	29 June 1990	4 December 1990	3 January 1991
Armenia		23 June 1993[a]	22 July 1993
Australia	22 August 1990	17 December 1990	16 January 1991
Austria	26 January 1990	6 August 1992	5 September 1992
Azerbaijan		13 August 1992[a]	12 September 1992
Bahamas	30 October 1990	20 February 1991	22 March 1991
Bahrain		13 February 1992[a]	14 March 1992
Bangladesh	26 January 1990	3 August 1990	2 September 1990
Barbados	19 April 1990	9 October 1990	8 November 1990
Belarus	26 January 1990	1 October 1990	31 October 1990
Belgium	26 January 1990	16 December 1991	15 January 1992
Belize	2 March 1990	2 May 1990	2 September 1990
Benin	25 April 1990	3 August 1990	2 September 1990
Bhutan	4 June 1990	1 August 1990	2 September 1990
Bolivia	8 March 1990	26 June 1990	2 September 1990
Bosnia and Herzegovina[b]			6 March 1992
Botswana		14 March 1995[a]	13 April 1995
Brazil	26 January 1990	24 September 1990	24 October 1990
Brunei Darussalam		27 December 1995[a]	26 January 1996
Bulgaria	31 May 1990	3 June 1991	3 July 1991
Burkina Faso	26 January 1990	31 August 1990	30 September 1990
Burundi	8 May 1990	19 October 1990	18 November 1990
Cambodia	22 September 1992	15 October 1992	14 November 1992
Cameroon	25 September 1990	11 January 1993	10 February 1993

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Canada	28 May 1990	13 December 1991	12 January 1992
Cape Verde		4 June 1992[a]	4 July 1992
Central African Republic	30 July 1990	23 April 1992	23 May 1992
Chad	30 September 1990	2 October 1990	1 November 1990
Chile	26 January 1990	13 August 1990	12 September 1990
China	29 August 1990	2 March 1992	1 April 1992
Colombia	26 January 1990	28 January 1991	27 February 1991
Comoros	30 September 1990	22 June 1993	21 July 1993
Congo		14 October 1993[a]	13 November 1993
Cook Islands		6 June 1997[a]	6 July 1997
Costa Rica	26 January 1990	21 August 1990	20 September 1990
Côte d'Ivoire	26 January 1990	4 February 1991	6 March 1991
Croatia[b]			8 October 1991
Cuba	26 January 1990	21 August 1991	20 September 1991
Cyprus	5 October 1990	7 February 1991	9 March 1991
Czech Republic[b]			1 January 1993
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	23 August 1990	21 September 1990	21 October 1990
Democratic Republic of the Congo	20 March 1990	27 September 1990	27 October 1990
Denmark	26 January 1990	19 July 1991	18 August 1991
Djibouti	30 September 1990	6 December 1990	5 January 1991
Dominica	26 January 1990	13 March 1991	12 April 1991
Dominican Republic	8 August 1990	11 June 1991	11 July 1991
Ecuador	26 January 1990	23 March 1990	2 September 1990
Egypt	5 February 1990	6 July 1990	2 September 1990
El Salvador	26 January 1990	10 July 1990	2 September 1990
Equatorial Guinea		15 June 1992[a]	15 July 1992
Eritrea	20 December 1993	3 August 1994	2 September 1994
Estonia		21 October 1991[a]	20 November 1991
Ethiopia		14 May 1991[a]	13 June 1991
Fiji	2 July 1993	13 August 1993	12 September 1993

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Finland	26 January 1990	20 June 1991	20 July 1991
France	26 January 1990	7 August 1990	6 September 1990
Gabon	26 January 1990	9 February 1994	11 March 1994
Gambia	5 February 1990	8 August 1990	7 September 1990
Germany	26 January 1990	6 March 1992	5 April 1992
Georgia		2 June 1994[a]	2 July 1994
Ghana	29 January 1990	5 February 1990	2 September 1990
Greece	26 January 1990	11 May 1993	10 June 1993
Grenada	21 February 1990	5 November 1990	5 December 1990
Guatemala	26 January 1990	6 June 1990	2 September 1990
Guinea		13 July 1990[a]	2 September 1990
Guinea-Bissau	26 January 1990	20 August 1990	19 September 1990
Guyana	30 September 1990	14 January 1991	13 February 1991
Haiti	20 January 1990	8 June 1995	8 July 1995
Holy See	20 April 1990	20 April 1990	2 September 1990
Honduras	31 May 1990	10 August 1990	9 September 1990
Hungary	14 March 1990	7 October 1991	6 November 1991
Iceland	26 January 1990	28 October 1992	27 November 1992
India		11 December 1992[a]	11 January 1993
Indonesia	26 January 1990	5 September 1990	5 October 1990
Iran (Islamic Rep.of)	5 September 1991	13 July 1994	12 August 1994
Iraq		15 June 1994[a]	15 July 1994
Ireland	30 September 1990	28 September 1992	28 October 1992
Israel	3 July 1990	3 October 1991	2 November 1991
Italy	26 January 1990	5 September 1991	5 October 1991
Jamaica	26 January 1990	14 May 1991	13 June 1991
Japan	21 September 1990	22 April 1994	22 May 1994
Jordan	29 August 1990	24 May 1991	23 June 1991
Kazakhstan	16 February 1994	12 August 1994	11 September 1994
Kenya	26 January 1990	30 July 1990	2 September 1990
Kiribati		11 December 1995[a]	10 January 1996
Kuwait	7 June 1990	21 October 1991	20 November 1991
Kyrgyzstan		7 October 1994[a]	6 November 1994
Lao People's Democratic Republic		8 May 1991[a]	7 June 1991
Latvia		14 April 1992[a]	14 May 1992

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Lebanon	26 January 1990	14 May 1991	13 June 1991
Lesotho	21 August 1990	10 March 1992	9 April 1992
Liberia	26 April 1990	4 June 1993	4 July 1993
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya		15 April 1993[a]	15 May 1993
Liechtenstein	30 September 1990	22 September 1995	21 January 1996
Lithuania		31 January 1992[a]	1 March 1992
Luxembourg	21 March 1990	7 March 1994	6 April 1994
Madagascar	19 April 1990	19 March 1991	18 April 1991
Malawi		2 January 1991[a]	1 February 1991
Malaysia		17 February 1995[a]	19 March 1995
Maldives	21 August 1990	11 February 1991	13 March 1991
Mali	26 January 1990	20 September 1990	20 October 1990
Malta	26 January 1990	30 September 1990	30 October 1990
Marshall Islands	14 April 1993	4 October 1993	3 November 1993
Mauritania	26 January 1990	16 May 1991	15 June 1991
Mauritius		26 July 1990[a]	2 September 1990
Mexico	26 January 1990	21 September 1990	21 October 1990
Micronesia (Fed. States of)		5 May 1993[a]	4 June 1993
Monaco		21 June 1993[a]	21 July 1993
Mongolia	26 January 1990	5 July 1990	2 September 1990
Morocco	26 January 1990	21 June 1993	21 July 1993
Mozambique	30 September 1990	26 April 1994	26 May 1994
Myanmar		15 July 1991[a]	14 August 1991
Namibia	26 September 1990	30 September 1990	30 October 1990
Nauru		27 July 1994[a]	26 August 1994
Nepal	26 January 1990	14 September 1990	14 October 1990
Netherlands	26 January 1990	6 February 1995	7 March 1995
New Zealand	1 October 1990	6 April 1993	6 May 1993
Nicaragua	6 February 1990	5 October 1990	4 November 1990
Niger	26 January 1990	30 September 1990	30 October 1990
Nigeria	26 January 1990	19 April 1991	19 May 1991
Niue		20 December 1995[a]	14 January 1996
Norway	26 January 1990	8 January 1991	7 February 1991
Oman		9 December 1996[a]	8 January 1997
Pakistan	20 September 1990	12 November 1990	12 December 1990

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Palau		4 August 1995[a]	3 September 1995
Panama	26 January 1990	12 December 1990	11 January 1991
Papua New Guinea	30 September 1990	1 March 1993	31 March 1993
Paraguay	4 April 1990	25 September 1990	25 October 1990
Peru	26 January 1990	4 September 1990	4 October 1990
Philippines	26 January 1990	21 August 1990	20 September 1990
Poland	26 January 1990	7 June 1991	7 July 1991
Portugal	26 January 1990	21 September 1990	21 October 1990
Qatar	8 December 1992	3 April 1995	3 May 1995
Republic of Korea	25 September 1990	20 November 1991	20 December 1991
Republic of Moldova		26 January 1993[a]	25 February 1993
Romania	26 January 1990	28 September 1990	28 October 1990
Russian Federation	26 January 1990	16 August 1990	15 September 1990
Rwanda	26 January 1990	24 January 1991	23 February 1991
Saint Kitts and Nevis	26 January 1990	24 July 1990	2 September 1990
Saint Lucia		16 June 1993[a]	16 July 1993
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	20 September 1993	26 October 1993	25 November 1993
Samoa	30 September 1990	29 November 1994	29 December 1994
Saudi Arabia		26 January 1996[a]	25 February 1996
San Marino		25 November 1991[a]	25 December 1991
Sao Tome and Principe		14 May 1991[a]	13 June 1991
Senegal	26 January 1990	31 July 1990	2 September 1990
Seychelles		7 September 1990[a]	7 October 1990
Sierra Leone	13 February 1990	18 June 1990	2 September 1990
Singapore		5 October 1995[a]	4 November 1995
Slovakia[b]			1 January 1993
Slovenia[b]			25 June 1991
Solomon Islands		10 April 1995[a]	10 May 1995
South Africa	29 January 1993	16 June 1995	16 July 1995
Spain	26 January 1990	6 December 1990	5 January 1991

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Sri Lanka	26 January 1990	12 July 1991	11 August 1991
Sudan	24 July 1990	3 August 1990	2 September 1990
Surinam	26 January 1990	1 March 1993	31 March 1993
Swaziland	22 August 1990	7 September 1995	6 October 1995
Sweden	26 January 1990	29 June 1990	2 September 1990
Switzerland	1 May 1991	24 February 1997	26 March 1997
Syrian Arab Republic	18 September 1990	15 July 1993	14 August 1993
Tajikistan		26 October 1993[a]	25 November 1993
Thailand		27 March 1992[a]	26 April 1992
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia[b]		17 September 1991	
Togo	26 January 1990	1 August 1990	2 September 1990
Tonga		6 November 1995[a]	6 December 1995
Trinidad and Tobago	30 September 1990	5 December 1991	4 January 1992
Tunisia	26 February 1990	30 January 1992	29 February 1992
Turkey	14 September 1990	4 April 1995	4 May 1995
Turkmenistan		20 September 1993[a]	19 October 1993
Tuvalu		22 September 1995[a]	22 October 1995
Uganda	17 August 1990	17 August 1990	16 October 1990
Ukraine	21 February 1991	28 August 1991	17 September 1991
United Arab Emirates		3 January 1997[a]	2 February 1997
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	19 April 1990	16 December 1991	15 January 1992
United Republic of Tanzania	1 June 1990	10 June 1991	10 July 1991
Uruguay	26 January 1990	20 November 1990	20 December 1990
Uzbekistan		29 June 1994[a]	29 July 1994
Vanuatu	30 September 1990	7 July 1993	6 August 1993

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession[a]	Date of entry into force
Venezuela	26 January 1990	13 September 1990	13 October 1990
Viet Nam	26 January 1990	28 February 1990	2 September 1990
Yemen	13 February 1990	1 May 1991	31 May 1991
Yugoslavia	26 January 1990	3 January 1991	2 February 1991
Zambia	30 September 1990	5 December 1991	5 January 1992
Zimbabwe	8 March 1990	11 September 1990	11 October 1990

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[a] Accession.

[b] Succession.

Annex II

STATES WHICH HAVE RATIFIED OR ACCEDED TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ON THE INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN IN ARMED CONFLICT AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2001 (10)

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession	Date of entry into force
Andorra	7 September 2000	30 April 2001	12 February 2002
Argentina	15 June 2000		
Austria	6 September 2000		
Azerbaijan	8 September 2000		
Bangladesh	6 September 2000	6 September 2000	12 February 2002
Belgium	6 September 2000		
Belize	6 September 2000		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 September 2000		
Brazil	6 September 2000		
Cambodia	27 June 2000		
Bulgaria	8 June 2001		
Burundi	13 November 2001		
Cambodia	27 June 2000		
Cameroon	5 October 2001		
Canada	5 June 2000	7 July 2000	12 February 2002
Colombia	6 September 2000		
Costa Rica	7 September 2000		
Cuba	13 October 2000		
Czech Republic	6 September 2000		
Democratic Republic of the Congo	8 September 2000	11 November 2001	12 February 2002
Denmark	7 September 2000		
Ecuador	6 September 2000		
El Salvador	18 September 2000		
Finland	7 September 2000		
France	6 September 2000		

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession	Date of entry into force
Gabon	8 September 2000		
Gambia	21 December 2000		
Germany	6 September 2000		
Greece	7 September 2000		
Guatemala	7 September 2000		
Guinea-Bissau	8 September 2000		
Holy See	10 October 2000	24 October 2001	12 February 2002
Iceland	7 September 2000	1 October 2001	12 February 2002
Indonesia	24 September 2001		
Ireland	7 September 2000		
Israel	14 November 2001		
Italy	6 September 2000		
Jamaica	8 September 2000		
Jordan	6 September 2000		
Kazakhstan	6 September 2000		
Kenya	8 September 2000		
Lesotho	6 September 2000		
Liechtenstein	8 September 2000		
Luxembourg	8 September 2000		
Madagascar	7 September 2000		
Malawi	7 September 2000		
Mali	8 September 2000		
Malta	7 September 2000		
Mauritius	11 November 2001		
Mexico	7 September 2000		
Monaco	26 June 2000		
Mongolia	12 November 2001		
Morocco	8 September 2000		
Namibia	8 September 2000		
Nauru	8 September 2000		
Nepal	8 September 2000		
Netherlands	7 September 2000		
New Zealand	7 September 2000	12 November 2001	12 February 2002
Nigeria	8 September 2000		
Norway	13 June 2000		

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession	Date of entry into force
Panama	31 October 2000	8 August 2001	12 February 2002
Pakistan	26 September 2001		
Paraguay	13 September 2000		
Peru	1 November 2000		
Philippines	8 September 2000		
Portugal	6 September 2000		
Republic of Korea	6 September 2000		
Romania	6 September 2000	10 November 2001	12 February 2002
Russian Federation	15 February 2001		
San Marino	5 June 2000		
Senegal	8 September 2000		
Seychelles	23 January 2001		
Sierra Leone	8 September 2000		
Singapore	7 September 2000		
Slovenia	8 September 2000		
Spain	6 September 2000		
Sri Lanka	21 August 2000	8 September 2000	12 February 2002
Sweden	8 June 2000		
Switzerland	7 September 2000		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 July 2001		
Turkey	8 September 2000		
Ukraine	7 September 2000		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7 September 2000		
United States of America	5 July 2000		
Uruguay	7 September 2000		
Venezuela	7 September 2000		
Viet Nam	8 September 2000		
Yugoslavia	8 October 2001		12 February 2002

Annex III

STATES WHICH HAVE RATIFIED OR ACCEDED TO THE OPTIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD ON THE SALE OF CHILDREN, CHILD PROSTITUTION AND CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AS AT 20 NOVEMBER 2001 (12)

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession	Date of entry into force
Andorra	7 September 2000	30 April 2001	18 January 2002
Austria	6 September 2000		
Azerbaijan	8 September 2000		
Bangladesh	6 September 2000	6 September 2000	18 January 2002
Belgium	6 September 2000		
Belize	6 September 2000		
Benin	2 February 2001		
Bolivia	10 November 2001		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	7 September 2000		
Brazil	6 September 2000		
Cambodia	27 June 2000		
Cameroon	5 October 2001		
Chile	28 June 2000		
China	6 September 2000		
Colombia	6 September 2000		
Costa Rica	7 September 2000		
Cuba	13 October 2000	25 September 2001	18 January 2002
Cyprus	8 November 2001		
Democratic Republic of the Congo		11 November 2001[a]	18 January 2002
Denmark	7 September 2000		
Ecuador	6 September 2000		
Finland	7 September 2000		
France	6 September 2000		
Gabon	8 September 2000		
Gambia	21 December 2000		

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession	Date of entry into force
Germany	6 September 2000		
Greece	7 September 2000		
Guatemala	7 September 2000		
Guinea-Bissau	8 September 2000		
Holy See	10 October 2000	24 October 2001	18 January 2002
Iceland	7 September 2000	9 July 2001	18 January 2002
Indonesia	24 September 2001		
Ireland	7 September 2000		
Israel	14 November 2001		
Italy	6 September 2000		
Jamaica	8 September 2000		
Jordan	6 September 2000		
Kazakhstan	6 September 2000	24 August 2001	18 January 2002
Kenya	8 September 2000		
Lebanon	10 October 2001		
Lesotho	6 September 2000		
Liechtenstein	8 September 2000		
Luxembourg	8 September 2000		
Madagascar	7 September 2000		
Malawi	7 September 2000		
Malta	7 September 2000		
Mauritius	11 November 2001		
Mexico	7 September 2000		
Monaco	26 June 2000		
Mongolia	12 November 2001		
Morocco	8 September 2000	2 October 2001	18 January 2002
Namibia	8 September 2000		
Nauru	8 September 2000		
Nepal	8 September 2000		
Netherlands	7 September 2000		
New Zealand	7 September 2000		
Nigeria	8 September 2000		
Norway	13 June 2000	2 October 2001	18 January 2002
Paraguay	13 September 2000		
Pakistan	26 September 2001		

States	Date of signature	Date of receipt of instrument of ratification/accession	Date of entry into force
Panama	31 October 2001	9 February 2001	18 January 2002
Peru	1 November 2000		
Philippines	8 September 2000		
Portugal	6 September 2000		
Republic of Korea	6 September 2000		
Romania	6 September 2000	18 October 2001	18 January 2002
San Marino	5 June 2000		
Senegal	8 September 2000		
Seychelles	23 January 2001		
Sierra Leone	8 September 2000	17 September 2001	18 January 2002
Slovenia	8 September 2000		
Spain	6 September 2000		
Sweden	8 September 2000		
Switzerland	7 September 2000		
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	17 July 2001		
Turkey	8 September 2000		
Ukraine	7 September 2000		
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	7 September 2000		
United States of America	5 July 2000		
Uruguay	7 September 2000		
Venezuela	7 September 2000		
Viet Nam	8 September 2000		
Yugoslavia	8 October 2001		

[a] Accession.